

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4. In Fig. 1, numbers have been provided for two elements described with numbers in the specification, and a lead line has been changed. In Fig. 2, numbers have been added to show the location of two ports. In Fig. 3 numbers not mentioned in the specification have been deleted. In Fig. 4, one number and its lead line have been corrected, and another number deleted.

Attachments:

2 sheets of replacement drawings

2 sheets of annotated drawings

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for including reference numbers not included in the specification, for using the same reference number to refer to more than one item, and for using more than one reference number to refer to the same item. The specification has also been objected to for similar reasons. In response, the application and drawings have been carefully reviewed, and amendments have been made to the drawings and specification to comply with the Examiner's objections. No new matter has been added thereby. Additional inadvertent mistakes not found by the Examiner but found during the review have also been corrected. In order to help the Examiner in his review, a set of drawings marked in red with the indicated changes is enclosed in addition to the clean amended set of drawings. It is believed that the drawings and specification are now in proper condition for allowance.

The Examiner has also recommended minor changes to claims 1 and 9 in order to improve clarity of the claims. The applicant has made the changes suggested by the Examiner. In addition, minor clerical changes have been made to claims 6 and 9 to improve clarity. It is respectfully submitted that the changes made do not affect the scope of the claims.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the case is in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the

Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David P. Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'G'.

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FIG. 2

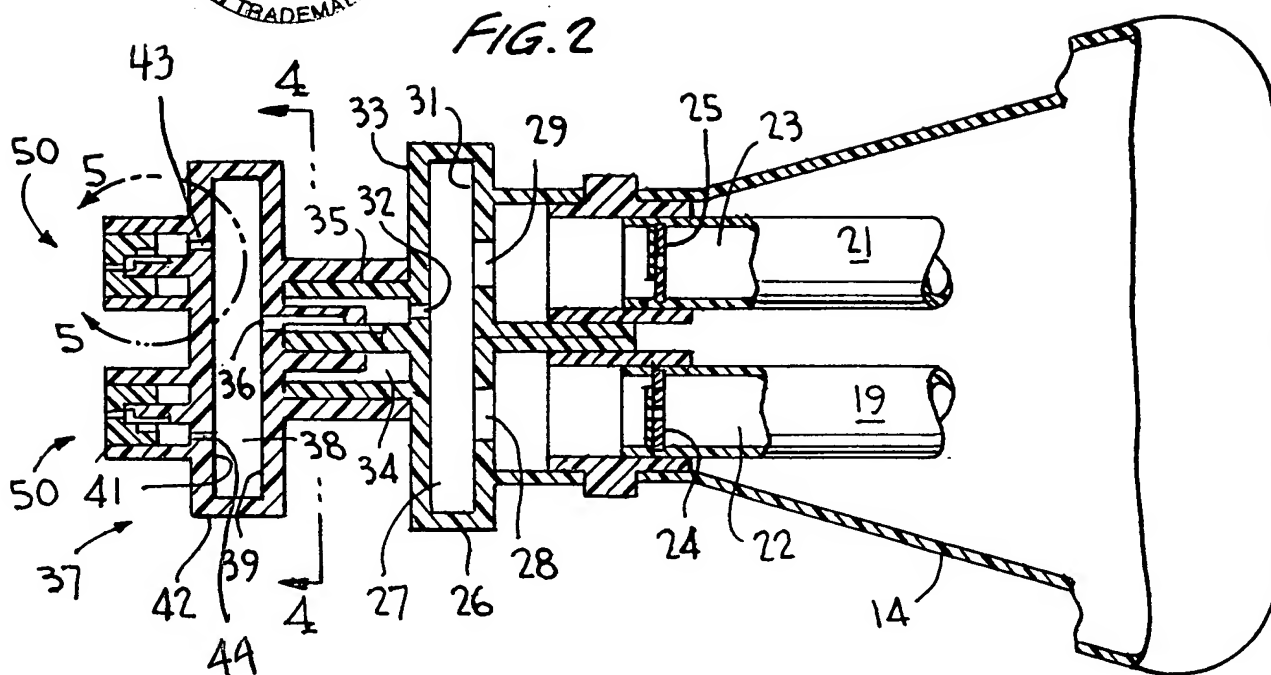


FIG. 1

